

Heaviest Losses In Battalions From West

Ottawa, April 26—The casualty list continues to come into the militia department, where extra staff is engaged in notifying relatives and next of kin. Many lessons are drawn from the battle, but what is more generally commiserated here is the splendid impression of Canada and of the character of its men created throughout the empire.

The Terrific Fight At Hill No. 60 Described By British Eye-Witness

London, April 25—"Trenches, parapets and sandbags disappeared," says the British official "eye-witness," in describing the effect of the explosions of the British mines which preceded the attack and capture by the British of Hill No. 60, to the southeast of Ypres, recently.

"The whole surface of the ground," the narrative continues, "assumed strange shapes. Here it was torn into huge craters; there large mounds of fallen debris were to be seen.

"As the reports of the explosions died away, and while dense columns of smoke and dust still hung in the air, our men led by their officers, sprang from the trenches and rushed across the intervening space of some forty to a hundred yards lying between our line and the gaping craters before them, the front covered by the attack being only some 250 yards in length.

"Where the mines had actually exploded nothing was left of the occupants of the hostile line, but in the neighboring trenches our assaulting infantry witnessed an extraordinary scene. Many German soldiers, possibly owing to the fact that they were working, were surprised while in their shirt sleeves and without equipment. Stunned by the violence of the explosion, bewildered and suddenly subjected to a rain of hand-grenades thrown by our bombing parties, they gave way to panic.

Bayoneted Comrades. "Cursing and shouting they were falling over one another and fighting in their hurry to gain the exit leading into the communication trenches. Some of them were then taken to the rear and were being driven their bayonets into the bodies of their comrades in front of them.

"Of all this our infantry had but a momentary glimpse before they fell upon the enemy with the bayonet, hurled into the craters and reared on down the communication trenches, until at last they were stopped by barricades defended by bomb-throwers.

"The first line trenches was captured in a few minutes with little difficulty, and fifteen prisoners fell into our hands. It was then that the real struggle began, for the Germans quickly recovered from their surprise.

"From our line the hill is a salient which is exposed to fire from three sides, and it was only a few minutes before the German guns took advantage of this fact and opened fire. Soon the whole position became obscured by smoke of bursting shells, in an endeavor to gain a footing on the hill, a terrific artillery fire was maintained far into the night.

Trenched Under Hill of Stella. "From many points along our line to the north and south of Hill No. 60, could be seen the flashes from the shells, while the flashes from the guns were nearly continuous that they resembled the effect of a machine gun. Under this fire our men had to work, throwing up parapets toward the enemy, blocking their communications and generally rendering the position defensible.

"Nor was the enemy's infantry idle. Advancing up the communication trenches they threw hand-grenades over the barricades, and also into the mine craters, the crumbling sides of which our men were clearing, in an endeavor to obtain a foothold.

"Throughout the night the fighting continued, culminating early in the morning of the 18th in two massed attacks by the enemy. These were beaten off, principally by the fire of our machine guns, some of which had been rushed to the front.

"Nevertheless, in spite of the heavy losses, which left the hillside piled with dead, the enemy continued his pressure during the day, and, until we were gradually driven from the southern edge of the hill. At 6 p. m. help reached our front line in the form of reinforcements, who swept the Germans from the foothold they had gained.

"Prior to this the close proximity of the contending sides had led to a shelling in the bombardment; but it then broke into fresh, and with almost as great intensity as on the preceding evening. Our position, however, now was more secure, and, although the shelling and bombing never ceased altogether, the night may be said to have passed in comparative quiet.

"The narrative of the bombardment was maintained Monday, April 19, and that the Germans extended their shelling to the entire Ypres area, including the town itself, in which, it is asserted, fifteen children were killed. Toward evening the Germans made another attack on Hill No. 60, but this was repulsed, and the "Eye-Witness" asserts, "again did our machine guns do tremendous execution, and the attack was beaten off."

Would Not Admit Defeat. "Another attack at 8 o'clock in the evening," the narrative continues, "suffered the same fate. Still the Germans would not admit defeat, and all night long parties armed with hand-grenades made repeated efforts to drive us off the hill, their attacks alternating with bombardments from artillery of all kinds and also trench mortars.

By Wednesday, the "Eye-Witness" says, the British had firmly established themselves on the hill.

"The attack upon and the defense of Hill No. 60," the narrative declares, "will go down in history as one of the finest exploits of the British troops during the war. Officers who experienced the bombardment prior to the attack of the Prussian Guard, on the 11th of April, and also underwent that directed against Hill No. 60, say that the latter, by far, was the worse of the two.

Fought Four Days in 50 Yards Space. "What our troops without can, in some degree, be realized if it be remembered that the space fought over during four and one-half days was only fifty yards.

"Upon that small area the enemy for hours hurled tons of metal and high explosive, and at times the hill top was wreathed in clouds of poisonous fumes, and yet our gallant infantry did not give way. They stood firm under a fire which swept away whole sections at a time, filled the trenches with dead bodies and so cumbersome the approach to the front line that reinforcements could not reach it without having to slither over the prostrate forms of their fallen comrades.

The desperate efforts of the Germans to recapture the hill, the "Eye-Witness" says, "probably were due not only to the intrinsic value of the position, but the fear of personal consequences to the generals concerned if they failed to hold it." He adds that the Bavarian generals who were responsible for the unsuccessful action at St. Elloi were placed on the retired list.

The troops who opposed the British on Hill No. 60, the "Eye-Witness" says, were composed of Saxons and men recruited from all parts of Germany.

THE WAR

The impression from interviews with King Victor Emmanuel, Premier Salandra, Foreign Minister Sonnino, and prominent politicians that Italy would enter the war on the side of the allies before parliament convenes in May.

Paris, April 26—French military writers estimate the full military strength of Italy at 2,000,000 men, of whom 800,000 probably form the active field army.

The principal assistant is Lt. General Formo, under chief of the general staff. He is sixty-one years old, very popular with the army and is reputed to possess high strategic abilities.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR SOLDIERS. Montreal, April 26—Under the heading "Our Day And Our Boys," the Star says editorially: "Canada saved the day. That is the verdict—not of our own observers, but of the military experts of the mother country."

Belgium Grateful To New Brunswickers. The following letter of acknowledgment has been received by Mayor Frink from the Belgian minister in London: "I am in receipt of your letter of March 25, together with check for \$1,288.140, an amount contributed by the people of the province of New Brunswick for my relief fund."

PERSONALS. John B. Wilson, of the staff of the N. B. Telephone Co., is ill at his home 19% St. Andrews street, but now shows signs of improvement.

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RECENT DEATHS. William Hopper, formerly of Moncton, died in Ashland, Me., aged 67 years, and survived by his wife.

Mary A., wife of William H. Coburn of Keewick, is dead, aged 85 years, leaving her husband, three daughters, five brothers and three sisters.

James Kennedy of Kensington, a merchant and member of the P. E. Island legislature, is dead, aged 44 years.

Of the late Arthur J. Boddington whose funeral occurred in St. John yesterday, the Moncton Transcript says: "Mr. Boddington came to Moncton about eight years ago to work in the Transcript mechanical department. Subsequently he became a member of the firm of Boddington & Peters, box-manufacturers. He closed out this business and left Moncton about six years ago. He was a man of great ingenuity and could do almost anything in the mechanical line. He was of an adventurous disposition and frequently got into exciting situations. About a year ago he and a companion were cruising about St. John harbor in a motor boat. The supply of petrol became exhausted and the luckless mariners were swept far out into the Bay of Fundy, where they drifted helplessly about for many hours until picked up by a Dippy fishing boat. Mr. Boddington had a host of friends and so acquaintances in Moncton, who will regret the loss of his sudden decease."

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LOCAL NEWS

PROBABLY ALL RIGHT. Among the St. John men who, it is believed were in the big battle in which the Canadians distinguished themselves, were Lieutenants Innes and Hayes. As no word has been received from them, it seems probable that they got through safely. The last letter received from Lieut. Innes was dated April 11 and at that time they were not actively engaged.

AT TOWER. Mr. Turner is requested to call as soon as possible on J. M. Christopher, Spoken at opportunity.

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COOK WANTED at once, Elliott Hotel. 2609-5-2

WOMAN WANTS WORK by the day 39 Cacton street. 26019-4-20

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WANTED—Two boys to work in warehouse, Apply T. H. Estabrook, Cor. Mill and North. 26011-5-2

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SWINDLING IN THE NAME OF CHARITY IN WAR

Paris, April 26—An exhaustive inquiry conducted by the judicial authorities of Paris as the result of complaints has revealed, the Matia says, that out of 147 charitable organizations, 100 are swindlers. Thirty five are reported to be swindled by men who were released from prison just before or after mobilization.

WIFE AND CHILDREN RESIDE IN HALIFAX. Halifax, N. S., April 26—Lieutenant Raddall reported wounded near Ypres, a resident of Halifax, where his wife and family of five children are residing. He was formerly musketry instructor at Ottawa for the Royal Canadian Infantry. Mrs. Raddall is the mother of a five months old baby, born since its father went to the front.

ONTARIO JOCKEY CLUB SECRETARY IS DEAD. Toronto, April 26—Lyndhurst Ogden, for many years secretary of the Ontario Jockey Club and the Toronto Stock Exchange, died this morning, aged sixty-five, after a long illness.

ZEPPELIN ON THE WAY TO ENGLAND. Amsterdam, April 26—A Zeppelin airship flew over the island of Schiermonnikoog today proceeding westward in the direction of England.

WELSHMEN OBJECT TO WOMEN CAR CONDUCTORS. Cardiff, Wales, April 26—At a mass meeting of street car men yesterday resolutions were passed protesting against the employment of women conductors and warning the city council that if it persists in its policy of using women as conductors, the men will refuse to work with them.

GERMANS ACTIVE IN THE CARPATHIANS. London, April 26—The London Times correspondent at Petrograd cables: "The transfer of German troops to the Carpathians which is reported daily, is assumed much larger than the one which the German high command is denouncing the Narew passage of all the units they possibly spared with which they are plugging the dangerous holes in the Carpathians. Their place is being taken by artillery."

Ridiculously the Germans wish to pass suddenly from words to deeds, and, in Warsaw, are beginning seriously to assemble in the region of Cracow.

Ottawa, April 26—Sir Robert Borden today said: "The magnificent pluck, gallantry and resourcefulness of the Canadian troops at the front saved a difficult situation, as the highest authority has publicly declared."

"They have proved themselves the equal of any troops in the world, and in so doing, have brought distinction and renown to this Dominion. My colleagues and I deeply lament the long list of casualties and send our profound sympathy to every larger proportion of our men who are engaged in an arduous task by the things that reach us to the hour to hour."

Traveller is Safe. London, April 26—The traveller Zeno, supposed to have been sunk by a German submarine, was brought safely into the Tyne yesterday.

REMARKS OF P. E. I. CLERGYMAN CREATE A SENSATION THERE. Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 26—Rev. George C. Taylor, pastor of Zion Presbyterian church, created a sensation last night by his declaration that the "ricky" manner in which the provincial total abstinence movement was promoted, at a meeting of the ministerial alliance, at which all the clergymen are represented, that two or three ministers, at a hole and corner meeting, brought it up without consulting other ministers.

KAISER TO THE FRONT AT FLANDERS. Amsterdam, April 26—Empress William is reported rushing to the Flanders front on a special train to direct the operations against the allies at Ypres and along the Yser front.

BUDGET STATEMENT BY LLOYD GEORGE MAY 4. London, April 26—Chancellor Lloyd George will announce the annual budget on May 4. On Wednesday will make his promised statement on the drink question.

The Kron Prinz. Newport News, Va., April 26—The German auxiliary cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm will take aboard between 8,500 and 4,000 tons of bunker coal. This will require today and a large part of tomorrow.

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